

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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PROTEIN 4

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 24, 2007

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response, extended one month, and set to expire on December 24, 2007, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due other than the extension of time fee indicated in the accompanying request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ACAD/0002/KMT, for any fees required to make this Response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.